



University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Via Zoom

Attendance can be found at the bottom of the page.

Call to Order: 3:04 P.M.

- Intro Remarks: Senate President Dyana Mason
 - Former Senate President Gerard Sandoval and former ASUO leader Taliek Lopez-Duboff have been confirmed as new members of the UO Board of Trustees
 - Trustee Sandoval will provide regular updates and information to the UO Senate during his tenure.
 - UO Foundation is updating their ESG reporting, which will be available to the UO community by the end of the calendar year. Purchasing and Contracting Services will be doing a policy review over the next few months. Stay tuned.
 - Reminder: UO President will be hosting a reception for the UO Senate at his home on November 5, 2025. Invitations went out via email.
- ASUO Updates; Quadrian Gill
 - ASUO finance committees have shared their priorities for the year and we are in the process of allocating our \$10 million dollar budget for the 2026-2027 year.
 - Preparations for the ASUO street fairs for AY 2025-2026 are underway.
 - Many students are expressing frustration about the severe reduction in student workers in UO dining, creating immense instability for students who rely on campus jobs to afford to attend college.
- Spotlight: Qusheng Jin
 - [slide](#)

Approval of the Minutes:

- [June 4, 2025](#)
- [September 24, 2025](#)

Minutes stand as approved.

UO Pres Remarks:

University President Karl Scholz

- Thank you to everyone in attendance, particularly senators and your service to the UO and to the UO Senate.

- Most listening will appreciate that decisions need to be made, sometimes on timelines that may feel uncomfortable to some. Effective shared governance can generate a degree of buy-in across campus, which can be valuable to the move the university forward.
- Grateful for the work over the summer with the AI Council, the many faculty and staff in our Teaching Effectiveness Program, and in Information Services.
- Preparing to roll out an employee engagement survey as we continue our work around flourishing and making this university a place we can all be even more proud of.
- AR Razdan is leaving the UO this winter to the University of Utah – we are grateful for his service to the UO during a difficult time. Jerry Richmond, Presidential Chair in Science and Professor of Chemistry, will act as our interim VPRI beginning in November 2025.

New Business:

- Vote: [US25/26-01: Procedures to Strengthen Shared Governance](#); Dyana Mason (Senate President, College of Design), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President, Earth Sciences)

Move to table the amendment (in the chat from Erin Beck) ... approved with 34 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.

Move to table the motion – approved with 34 yeses, 0 no's, 0 abstentions.

- Election: Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (2 seats)
 - Candidates:
 - Pedro Garcia-Caro, Romance Languages (2-year term)
 - Michael Dreiling (1-year term)

Candidates elected via acclamation.

Open Discussion: None

Reports:

- General Counsel; Kevin Reed
 - UO in a moderately good position compared to our AAU and Big Ten peers, though we are seeing challenges around NIH funding, specifically around indirect costs.
 - Some funds that were previously rescinded have been restored, though we did lose several hundred thousand dollars in NEH funding.
 - A number of lawsuits have been filed by other institutions that may ultimately benefit the UO.
 - Federal challenges to F-Visas for international students are ongoing, though there have been some reversals, allowing some international undergraduate students to make their way to the U.S. to begin their studies. The situation for international graduate students is currently facing greater uncertainty. This situation continues to evolve. It is also more challenging to hire international faculty currently.



- The Federal Administration has proposed a “compact” for colleges and universities. It is unclear what is in that compact yet, though it is suggested that those who sign on may receive priority for funding. This sort of compact will be rejected by most as it is believed it will infringe on academic freedom and would be quite onerous.
- Updates: State Affairs; Trent Lutz
 - H.R. 1 is a proposed bill that is pulling tens of millions, if not tens of billions of dollars out of the State of Oregon, especially around healthcare reimbursement charges. The current estimate is around \$15 billion of current funding that flows to Oregon through benefits, healthcare spaces that are balanced through our provider tax – which would leave a massive hole in care and also in how the state actually covers current pieces of it. Our current state budget is around \$36 billion.
 - OR is starting to see a pretty massive economic slowdown among a number of different job sectors, especially manufacturing.

Notice of Motion: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 4:59 P.M.

Attendance:

Present: Sandy Weintraub (Senate Secretary), Betina Lynn (Senate Executive Coordinator), Dyana Mason (Senate President), Edward Davis (Senate Vice President), Katherine Donaldson, Barbara Mossberg, Tim Pack, Nikki McClaran, Bob Choquette, Alejandro Vallega, Becky Crabtree, Daniel Dugger, David Cosottile, Elizabeth Peterson, Eric Corwin, Erin McKenna, Jess Fisher, Kate Mills, Kris Seaman, Quadrian Gill, Michael Dreiling, Norma Kehdi, Pedro Garcia-Caro, Yoav Dubinsky, Matthias Vogel, Nicolas Addington, Beth Harn, Chantelle Russell, Cole Stevenson, Erin Beck, Annie McVay, Melynda Casement, Yizhao Yang, Yasamin Vahdati, Andy Winden, John Arndt, Annie Draeger, Spike Gildea, Jenny Ruef (subbing for Jerry Rosiek), Rachel DiNitto, Paula Ellister, Raymond Frey,

Excused:

Absent:

Guests: Shannon Rose, Tracy, United Academics, Trent Lutz, Raoul Lievanos, Qusheng Jin, Alison Schmitke, Annie Dreager, Charlotte Moats-Gallagher, Chris Long (University Provost), Cindy Badow, Cy Abbott, Denita Strietelmeier, Jenna Adams-Kalloch, Jessica Cronic, Joe Erickson, Kassy Fisher, Kate, Keith Frazee, Kevin Reed, Maggie Bosworth, Megan Banks, Natalie Hurd, Tracy, Katy Krieger, Karl Scholz (University President), Allison Blade,